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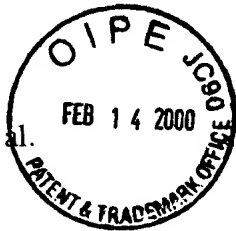
In re Application of:

Takahisa Nitta et al.

Serial No. 09/436,637

Filed: November 9, 1999

For: CHEMICAL SUPPLY SYSTEM



Art Unit: To be assigned

Examiner: To be assigned

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**RESPONSE TO "NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS"**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION-- FILING DATE GRANTED** dated December 13, 1999, Applicants submit herewith the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
2. An English-language translation of the originally filed Japanese-language application with certification (84 pages);
3. 33 pages of formal drawings;
4. Certified copies of Japanese priority documents Nos. 10-319035, 11-7063 and 11-316244;
5. Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern
6. Our check for \$1,113.00 covering:  
\$130.00 surcharge for filing an application in a language other than English.  
\$345.00 for filing fee

\$65.00 for surcharge  
\$378.00 for 42 additional claims over 20  
\$195.00 for 5 additional independent claims

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0185. A duplicate copy of this authorization is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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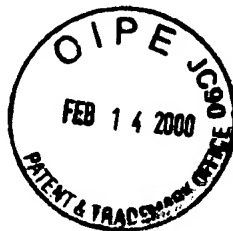
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**SUBMISSION OF CERTIFIED PRIORITY DOCUMENT(S) and  
CLAIM TO PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is hereby claimed to the following priority documents, certified copies of which are enclosed. The documents were filed in a foreign country within the proper statutory period prior to the filing of the above-referenced United States patent application.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Priority Document Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-319035	November 10, 1998
Japan	11-007063	January 13, 1999
Japan	11-316244	November 8, 1999

Acknowledgement of this claim and submission in the next official communication is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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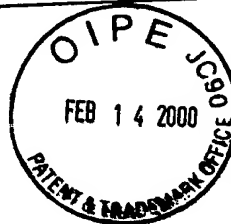
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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION Filing Date Granted

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the **SURCHARGE** set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of ☐ \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or ☒ \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a ☐ small entity (statement filed) ☒ non-small entity is \$ 1020.00.

☒ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- ☒ missing.  
☐ insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ 760 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

☐ 2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ total claims over 20.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ independent claims over 3.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

☐ 3. The oath or declaration:

- ☐ is missing or unsigned.  
☐ does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

☐ 4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

\* An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

☐ 6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

☐ 7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

☒ 8. The application was filed in a language other than English.

Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

☐ 9. OTHER:

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

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